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Delegate Maggie McIntosh, Chair
Appropriations Committee
Room 121
House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: HB 368 Maryland Transit Administration – Funding (Transit Safety and Investment Act)

Dear Chair McIntosh and Committee Members:

During the Council Meeting on February 4, 2020 the City Council voted unanimously to support HB 368.

The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) Capital Needs Inventory identified \$5.7 billion of capital needs over the next ten years, including \$1.5 billion of deferred maintenance. The Maryland Department of Transportation's FY 2020–2025 Consolidated Transportation Program does not provide the MTA enough funding to address the annual maintenance and repairs in the CNI—in fact, the deferred maintenance is expected to increase.

Neglected maintenance leads to more frequent service disruptions, poor overall service, and ultimately fewer riders. HB 368, the Transit Safety & Investment Act, will mandate that MTA's capital budget is at a level to address the identified needs and put the system back in good repair for safe and reliable operation. The City of College Park strongly supports investment in public transit to improve our regional economy and environment.

On behalf of the City Council and our residents, I respectfully request your support for this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pat. Wojahn".

Patrick L. Wojahn
Mayor

cc: Maryland 21st District Delegation